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AT THE 5/4 MEETING, TEN STATES EXPLAINED THEIR VOTE ON PREVIOUS DAY'S COVENANT RESOLUTION (E/1978/L.26). UK EMPHASIZED THAT THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS ON THE PROPOSAL. BANGLADESH RECOGNIZED THE EXISTENCE OF A COMPROMISE ON GROUP REPRESENTATION IN THE RESOLUTION THAT DID NOT COMPRISE PRECEDENT ON EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION. PORTUGAL WAS NOT ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH THE RESOLUTION BUT BELIEVED THE NECESSITY TO COMPROMISE WAS DETERMINATIVE. JAPAN ABSTAINED BECAUSE THE RESOLUTION DID NOT GIVE EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION. JAMAICA FOUND NEED FOR CONSENSUS COMPELLING AND VIEWS WORKING GROUP AS A TEMPORARY FIRST STEP WITH NO PRECEDENT SET AS REGARDS EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION. THEY DID NOT WANT TO BREAK CONSENSUS. JAMAICA ALSO FOUND THE DISTRIBUTION IN THE PROPOSED US AMENDMENT DID NOT GIVE EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION. SWEDEN WAS ANXIOUS TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COVENANT AND VIEWED WORKING GROUP COMPOSITION AS TEMPORARY AND OF NO PRECEDENT VALUE.

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PHILIPPINES FOUND THE RESOLUTION A REASONABLE COMPROMISE. THEIR VOTE AGAINST THE US AMENDMENT WAS NOT IN OPPOSITION TO PRINCIPLE OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION. FINLAND OPPOSED US AMENDMENT BECAUSE AS COSPONSORS OF MAIN RESOLUTION, THEY OPPOSED ALL AMENDMENTS; THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE US PROPOSAL DID NOT SPEAK FOR THEIR STAND ON EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION. MAURITANIA

ABSTAINED ON US AMENDMENT BECAUSE THE DISTRIBUTION IT PRO-
POSED DID NOT FOLLOW CUSTOMARY GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION.
NETHERLANDS FOUND THE RESOLUTION A REASONABLE COMPROMISE.
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